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SUBJECT: FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA'S VISIT TO CHILE

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1. I SAW GALLASTEQUI AND FOUND THAT HE KNEW VERY LITTLE MORE THAN WE DID ABOUT THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT. IN HIS OPINION, HOWEVER, THE MAIN THEME WOULD BE MATTER OF THE ASYLEES. WHEN PRESSED AS TO WHETHER THE UNDERLYING RESULT OF THE VISIT MIGHT NOT BE AN OVER-ALL BETTERMENT IN MEXICAN-CHILEAN RELATIONS, HE SAID HE COULD NOT VENTURE AN OPINION ON THIS. SUBSEQUENTLY, HOWEVER, HE DID SAY THAT THERE WERE THOSE WHO WERE CONCERNED AT THE FACT THAT MEXICO-CHILE, TWO TRADITIONAL FRIENDS, WERE AT ODDS, WHICH WEAKENED BOTH THEIR POSITIONS ON THE INTER-AMERICAN SCENE. HE OBSERVED THAT PEDRO DAZA, THE CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ECONOMIC CHIEF, WAS PRESENT AT THE CONVERSATIONS WHICH MIGHT RELATE TO A TREATMENT OF SOME OF THE CHILEAN COMPLAINTS REGARDING MEXICAN FAILURE TO PROVIDE TRADITIONAL COMMODITIES, SUCH AS FERTILIZERS.

2. GALLASTEQUI AMPLIFIED ON ORIGINS OF TRIP, SAYING THAT  
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RABASA HAD PLANNED TO LEAVE TODAY FOR A FOUR-DAY

VACATION AT A SEASIDE RESORT. ON WEDNESDAY, HOWEVER, HE HAD BEEN CALLED TO SEE THE PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD GALLASTEQUI THAT HE MUST INTERRUPT HIS PLANNED VACATION AND GO ON A DIFFICULT OFFICIAL MISSION AT THE PRESIDENT'S BIDDING. WHEN QUERIED, HE TOLD GALLASTEQUI HE WOULD TELL HIM THAT EVENING, SAYING THAT IT WAS "NOT TO WASHINGTON TO SEE KISSINGER" AS GALLASTEQUI SUPPOSED, "BUT MUCH FURTHER SOUTH." HE THEN LEFT UNDETECTED ON THE MIDNIGHT CANADIAN PACIFIC FLIGHT AND GALLASTEQUI LEARNED OF HIS WHEREABOUTS ONLY THE NEXT DAY. (THIS IS AN INTERESTING COMMENTARY ON HOW SOME FOREIGN MINISTRIES WORK.)

3. GALLASTEQUI SAID CONFIDENTIALLY THAT IN ADDITION TO DEALING WITH ASYLEES IN THE MEXICAN EMBASSY, BASED ON PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS HE BELIEVED THAT RABASA WOULD TRY TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER ALAMEDA AND ORLANDO LETELIER, AS THIS WAS A PROJECT VERY DEAR TO HIM AND PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA, AS PART OF ANY OVER-ALL SETTLEMENT.  
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